

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 418
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor Richard "Alan" Russell, 1996
salutatorian of Mt. Juliet High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Alan" Russell is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as salutatorian of the 1996 graduating class at Mt. Juliet High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Alan has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, he was born on May 21, 1978, in Charleston, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, before coming to Mt. Juliet High School for his last three years, Alan was a popular and highly distinguished student at Tampa Baptist Academy (kindergarten through second grade), Limona Elementary School (grades 3-5), Cameron Elementary School (grade 6) and Mt. Juliet Junior High School (grades 7-9); and

WHEREAS, his principals have included Dr. Daniel Carreira, Jim Harre, Gerald Martin, Jim Farley and Phil Barnes; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, he has earned a 4.0 grade point average and a 98.85 average; and

WHEREAS, his lengthy list of honors includes being in the top 10% of his class, being listed in the prestigious *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the

Academic Hall of Fame For Advanced Placement United States History, Advanced Placement Calculus, Biology and Chemistry II; he also won the Most Studious Male Award and finished second in the Boys State Second Place Sporting Event; and

WHEREAS, he has been an active participant in the Beta Club, the Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Boys State and the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Alan's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, he plans to attend either David Lipscomb University or the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Alan is a devout member of the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, his excellent choice of role models includes his family members: Mrs. Beverly Swanson, Dr. Edward Johnson and Mrs. Beverly Sharpe; and

WHEREAS, his hobbies include reading, writing, chess and table tennis; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Richard Earl and Debra (Anderson) Russell; sister, Melissa Anne Russell; grandparents, Forester Eugene and Libby (Davis) Russell, and Robert Anderson and Joan (Farris) Korton; Superintendent of Schools Kip Puryear; his principal; guidance counselors, Debi Roberts, Kama White and Janice Webber; and his school and community; and

WHEREAS, Alan's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Richard "Alan" Russell on being the 1996 salutatorian at Mt. Juliet High School and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, with this final resolving clause deleted, be presented to Richard "Alan" Russell.